

House Resolution 1434

By: Representative Cole of the 125th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Charles Thomas Edwards and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Edwards, son of Colonel C.H. and Nancy Edwards was born
4 July 31, 1893. He married Miss Myra Bulgin in 1918, and they had three daughters: Mrs.
5 Frank Burrell, Mrs. Walker Brock, and Mrs. Paul Kendrick. Mr. Edwards was called to his
6 reward February 18, 1974; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards received his education at Young Harris College and Emory
8 University. After teaching several years in the public schools of Georgia, he resigned to take
9 a job with the State Highway Department. He was an educated, efficient, and dependable
10 worker; and

11 WHEREAS, Charles Edwards was exceptionally active in civic and church affairs. He was
12 superintendent of Jasper County Schools, Mayor of Monticello, and a State Highway
13 Engineer and represented Jasper County in the Georgia Senate. He was a past Master of
14 Jasper Lodge Number 50 of Free and Accepted Masons, Monticello, Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, a Methodist with fervor, he gave freely of his time, talents, gifts, and prayers.
16 He served as Sunday school superintendent, member of the official board, church treasurer,
17 and trustee, and he represented his church at district and annual conferences and taught a
18 Sunday school class over a period of 60 years; and

19 WHEREAS, he is the author of three books: *Tales of the Blue Ridge*, *A Blue Ridge Mountain*
20 *Boy*, and *God Is Good*. The first two books stem from events in his own life and in the lives
21 of his Blue Ridge neighbors. The last book is an expression of his own belief in God. In
22 these, he left a heritage of folklore and faith to his family and to lovers of Georgia traditions;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, those who had the rich privilege of knowing him will remember him as a man
25 of great faith, wholesome humor, and warm friendliness. They will remember him as a man
26 quick to champion the right and to make clear his disapproval of the wrong. His solid
27 integrity was eloquent and his presence a moral strength in any group.

28 WHEREAS, it is only proper to honor the memory of this life well-lived with a lasting
29 memorial.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
31 GEORGIA that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Charles Thomas
32 Edwards and dedicates the bridge over the Ocmulgee River on SR 16 at the Jasper/Butts
33 County line as the Charles Thomas Edwards Memorial Bridge.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
35 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Charles Thomas Edwards
36 Memorial Bridge.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Charles Thomas
39 Edwards and the Department of Transportation.